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1. Location: Factory 306, which produces light metal small parts for airplanes, is located on the west-south-west edge of the city of Saratov, about six kilometers from the center of the city and three to five kilometers from the suburb of Olshanka\* [redacted] the plant yards cover an area measuring 500 x 250 meters, but some of his fellow prisoners estimated the area to be as much as 800 x 450 meters. Adjoining Factory 306 is a tank factory, which produces approximately four to five tanks a day. These tanks, which are type T-34, are equipped with 122 mm (?) long-barrel guns (sic).

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2. Installations: Factory 306, whose oldest buildings date back to 1896, originally served another purpose [redacted] At present the installations are being expanded, and since the middle of 1948 two new buildings have been completed. The plant's technical equipment [redacted] to be modern and serviceable. The older machine depot consists largely of [redacted] machines, which, because of excessive loads and unsatisfactory care, have in many cases been dismantled and replaced by [redacted] equipment. Also in many instances an attempt has been made to repair these [redacted] machines. The equipment consists largely of grinding machines, boring machines, milling machines, and punches.

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3. The building [redacted] was built in 1928 and measures approximately 120 x 60 meters. This shop, equipped with metal working machines of all types, produces small parts for the construction of airplanes. The shop is divided into 21 production sections, each of which has 16 machines arranged in a cross row (Querreihe). An assembly belt (Fließband) conveys the parts between the various metal working machines. The completed pieces are assembled and sent in rather large quantities to the warehouse. The other workshops apparently work on much the same principle. Each workshop has an office from which the Chief directs the production of the shop.

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4. The plant's light metal foundry, which measures 100 x 80 meters, provides the raw pieces for the various workshops. The foundry has eight round

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smelting vats along one side and six along the other. The sides of these vats are from 10 to 15 centimeters thick. Attached to the foundry is a raw material dump, surrounded by a cement wall.

5. At one end of the plant yards are several large tanks with a diameter of 15 to 20 meters. These tanks, equipped with large iron caps, would be scarcely visible from a plane since they project only 30 to 40 centimeters from the ground. They are filled with what is presumably engine fuel by means of hoses connected with railway cars.
6. The plant does not have its own power station. Transportation of both raw materials and finished products is provided in part by the plant's 25 trucks and in part by the plant's double track railway spur which leads to the freight station three kilometers away.
7. Production: Two times a week three railway cars loaded with finished airplane parts of various types leave the plant. In addition, five trucks a day depart loaded with boxes packed with small parts. The trucks depart in the direction of the airfield.
8. Management: The direction of the plant lies in the hands of high ranking officers in the Soviet Air Force, although the chief director and the majority of the engineers and section leaders always appear in civilian clothes. The members of the numerous commissions which visit the plant are usually in military uniform.
9. Personnel: The plant's personnel numbers at least 3,500, most of whom are women. At the beginning of 1949 three shifts a day were worked, although at the end of 1947 and in the first part of 1948 only two shifts a day were worked. It was rumored that drafted German engineers and technicians worked in the enterprise, [redacted] At the end of 1948 and the beginning of 1949 all German PWs were sent away from Factory 306 and also from the neighboring tank factory.
10. Security measures: Well armed, uniformed men, who are not soldiers, provide a close guard over the enterprise. Workers and PWs were carefully searched both on entering and on leaving the plant, and the PWs were closely supervised. Sabotage or robbery appeared to be almost completely eliminated.

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[redacted] comment: According to previous information, Factory 306 is located on the northwestern edge of the city between the Saratov-Moscow railroad line and the Saratov-Yelshanka road.

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